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## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Docket No.  
TN241

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## TO THE DIRECTOR FOR PATENTS

Box Patent Application  
Washington, D.C. 20231Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application  
for an invention entitled:

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MAINTAINING ISOLATED ENVIRONMENTS

and invented by:

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

1. ☒ Filing Fee as calculated and transmitted as described below2. ☒ Specification having 17 pages and including the following:

- a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
- b. ☐ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
- c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
- d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if applicable)
- e. ☒ Background of the Invention
- f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
- g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (if applicable)
- h. ☒ Detailed Description
- i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
- j. ☒ Abstract of Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*
- a. ☐ Formal      Number of Sheets \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Informal      Number of Sheets 3
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
- a. ☒ New executed *(original or copy)*      ☐ Unexecuted
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional applications only)*
- c. ☒ With Power of Attorney      ☐ Without Power of Attorney
- d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
- Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
- ☐ Incorporation By Reference *(usable if Box 4b is checked)*
- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied  
under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is  
hereby incorporated by reference herein.
6. ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche *(Appendix)*
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission *(if applicable, all must be included)*
- a. ☐ Paper Copy
- b. ☐ Computer Readable Copy *(identical to computer copy)*
- c. ☐ Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

**Accompanying Application Parts**

8. ☐ Assignment Papers *(cover sheet & document(s))*
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*
10. ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449      ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) *(Should be specifically itemized)*
14. ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)*
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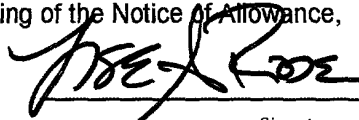
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16. ☒ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☒ Additional Enclosures *(please identify below)*:

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**Fee Calculation and Transmittal****CLAIMS AS FILED**

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<b>Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable)</b> <input type="checkbox"/>					<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>BASIC FEE</b>					<b>\$740.00</b>
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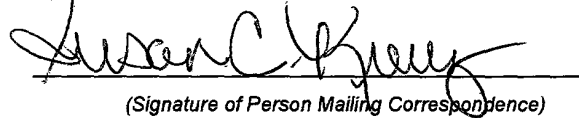
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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

**First Named Inventor:** Craig Russ et al.

**Title:** SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MAINTAINING ISOLATED ENVIRONMENTS

**Attorney Docket No.** TN241

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Date: November 14, 2001

  
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This request must be signed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**

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